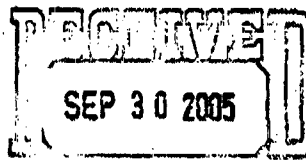




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**Re: Removal of the 13 Areas of Elevated Surface Soil at the 903 Lip Area**

Dear Community Member:

As you may be aware, the U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Project Office (DOE) has been conducting a final verification of radionuclide surface soil conditions at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. This verification has been conducted in response to community interest, and is in addition to the requirements of the tri-party Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA). In the process of conducting the independent verification, 13 elevated surface soil contamination areas were discovered within the 903 Lip Area. As a result, DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) met to discuss these findings and in the process agreed to remove the newly-found contamination.

Specifically, the following actions will be taken:

- Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and Kaiser-Hill (K-H), contractors to DOE, jointly will perform additional work to identify the extent of the 13 elevated surface soil areas in the 903 Pad Lip Area.
- DOE will direct K-H to remove surface soils found to have plutonium levels in excess of the 50 pCi/g action level.
- The RFCA Parties and K-H will perform a risk analysis using the data collected above to determine if these elevated levels of contamination pose additional, significant risk to the future wildlife refuge worker.
- This additional risk analysis will be reviewed to determine possible effects it may have on the results of the Comprehensive Risk Assessment currently being conducted as part of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.
- In addition, the results of the recent Government Accountability Office audit will be considered once the report is available.

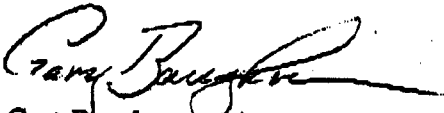
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We will keep you informed as this effort progresses so that any concerns you may have can be brought to our attention and subsequently addressed.

Sincerely,



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